

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** November 17, 2006  
10:00 A.M.

**LOCATION:** Warren Township Government Center  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)  
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)  
Rodney Coats (General Public)  
Myron Mackey (EMTs)  
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)  
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)  
G. Lee Turpin II (Paramedics)  
Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)  
William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)  
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)  
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Garvey, Deputy Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats. Mike Garvey introduced Sue Dunham, Emergency Nurses, and Ed Gordon, a newly appointed member representing Volunteer Fire EMS Services.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Myron Mackey. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as submitted.

**STAFF REPORTS:****EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT**

First Responders certified this date:	6,451
Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	191
Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	15,828
Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	1,710
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	25
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	1,273
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	145
Paramedics to be certified this date:	32
Paramedics currently certified:	2,739
Paramedics recertified this date:	402
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:	13
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified:	127
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:	10
Temporary Certifications issued:	
EMT-B:	7
Advanced EMT:	0
Paramedic:	1
Drivers Certifications currently certified:	1202

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed and the report was accepted.**

### EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	6
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	18
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	16
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider	97
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	28
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1

Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	5
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	5
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	19
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	11
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	50
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	37
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization	309
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	4
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad	1
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	85
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	14
<b>Total Providers</b>	<b>764</b>

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed and the report was accepted as submitted.**

### EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:	129
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:	51
EMS Provider Visits:	99
EMS Provider Audits:	04
Hospital Visits:	19
Hospital Audits:	02
EMT Tests Proctored	06

EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain introduced Gail Fennel, the new EMS operations' secretary

### EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that the data collection on the agency web page now shows the provider number, provider name, and number of reported runs. He is working on a listing for the web page that shows those providers that have never reported. Mr. Miller reported that all ambulance service providers need a National Provider ID whether they bill for their runs or not.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### EMS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Steve Garrison presented two recommendations from the education committee: 1) that the commission delay the requirement that ALS training institutions be accredited and 2) that the commission direct the education committee to perform a needs assessment and evaluation of all Indiana EMS training programs. He presented data on paramedic test pass/fail rates over the past 3 years as evidence of training problems. Dr. Olinger questioned why it was necessary to delay the accreditation requirement. He cited information in an article that showed accreditation improves the outcome of student success. Mr. Garrison responded that the time it takes to go through the accreditation process would cause a delay in assessing and fixing training issues. The committee wants to delay accreditation from 2 to 5 years. William Rutherford questioned the committee's interpretation of the data it was presenting to justify delaying accreditation he said that the data shows students from accredited programs have an improved chance of passing the National Registry. Mr. Miller pointed out that the issues of accreditation and the current product of training programs do not tie together and should be dealt with separately.

Jane Craigin stated the pass/fail data was inconclusive over the short term of the study presented by Mr. Garrison. She said that the data needs to cover a longer time span. She also said that the commission can not sacrifice quality because of the time frame needed to complete the accreditation process. Mr. Garvey reported that the proposed rules require ALS training institutions to be at least in the self-study portion of the accreditation process by October 1, 2007. Out of the 34 currently certified institutions, 10 are currently in the process, and 5 are currently accredited. Mr. Garvey also stated that the agency was working with IUPUI to see if a needs assessment can be developed by a graduate student.

Lee Turpin stated that the study presented by the committee is flawed since passing a test does not guarantee a good EMT-P. Tony Hartman, Elkhart, stated that the pass/fail rate for his institution's paramedic program have not changed since his institution became accredited. He said that he has a better program and a better way of tracking students through a graduate and employer survey at 6 months and 1 year. He said that the accreditation process caused them to turn the microscope on themselves and it improved their program.

Mr. Mackey said that no one wants to stop accreditation but questions if it would help the EMT-P shortage. He also questioned the relationship between passing the didactic portion of the training and skill competencies. Leon Bell, Wishard Hospital, spoke in support of keeping the accreditation date as defined in the proposed rules. Jim Christopher, St. Francis asked the commission to take away the distraction of accreditation while the committee studied the training issues. Ms. Craigin responded that the commission should be proactive with building standards and needs to compare apples to apples. She said Indiana should be a leader in the public reporting of standards. Mr. Miller questioned how the delay in accreditation would help anyone besides those who have not yet started the process. Dr. Rutherford asked what benchmarks are being used to judge quality.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion that the education committee pursue the evaluation of EMS training at all certification levels and report back to the commission with a plan of action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.**

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

### Pending administrative Cases

Agency Counsel Brad Gavin presented the commission with a list of pending cases.

### Emergency Order of Suspension

It was reported that the Agency has issued an Emergency Order of Suspension to David A. Manlove, EMT Certification Number 35252 and also to Michael Sean Frasher, Paramedic Certification Number 44267.

### Renewal of Emergency Order of Suspension

It was reported that the Agency has renewed the Emergency Order of Suspension issued to Joshua Cunningham, Certification Number 47324.

### Probationary EMT Certification

It was reported that the Agency has issued a probationary EMT Certificate to Brandi J. Benefiel, EMT Certification Number 61759.

### Non-Final Order of Dismissal

#### *Cause No. 06-02, Derek B. Wilson*

The Administrative Law Judge has issued a non-final order of dismissal because the petitioner has successfully passed the practical skills examination and has been issued a certificate.

**Mr. Miller offered a motion to accept the Nonfinal Order of the ALJ. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Criminal History Reporting for Personnel

Mr. Garvey asked the commission to approve a change to the criminal history reporting requirement for EMS personnel. The proposed change is to ask if the candidate has ever been charged or convicted of any felony and/or any misdemeanor within the last 5 years.

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.**

### Helicopter Safety Information from US DOT and FAA

Mr. Garvey presented a memo that is being sent to EMS and 911 dispatch coordinators asking that the system ensure that air ambulance services are made aware of any preceding requests which other air services have turned down. This is in response to an advisory from the FAA regarding “ambulance shopping

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Indiana Out-of-Hospital Surge Capacity

Mr. Garvey presented a Power Point program on actions the agency is taking to assist EMS in responding to mass casualty incidents. The initiatives include: 1) Statewide triage Tag system, 2) Electronic tracking of patients, 3) District MCI response teams, and 4) The placement of 10 MCI trailers throughout Indiana. The goal is to enhance MCI response and to develop EMS specific Incident Management training.

### EMS Response to Children with Autism

Brian Ketzner, Family Mentor, Indiana Resource Center for Autism, discussed the delivery of a training program for EMS personnel on the issues of patients with Autism. Mr. Garvey reported that staff will develop an implementation plan to get the information in the hands of EMS personnel.

## **EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:**

### Provider Waiver Requests

*Crawford County EMS, allow BLS to utilize Pulse Oximetry, glucose monitoring equipment, and monitor 3-lead.*

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the request. Mrs. Blagrove explained that she has given the provider organization information on the process for permission to use pulse oximetry, and the production of a 3-lead rhythm strip to be given to ALS personnel. The remaining issue is the use of glucose monitoring equipment.

Staff's recommendation is to deny the waiver.

**Mr. Miller offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed. The request is denied.**



*South Bend Area EMS Committee for South Bend Fire, Indiana EMS, Harris Township Fire, and Clay Fire Territory, allow EMT-I personnel to perform 12-lead EKG.*

Mr. Garrison presented the request stating that a physician will train the EMT-Is and each run will be audited.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller.** Discussion followed. Ms. Craigin stated that she is opposed to giving tools to the EMT-Is without the appropriate training in the concepts behind the use of those tools. She said that providers were asking to do more and more with no correlation between concepts and skills and no supportive education on the concepts. Dr. Rutherford agreed saying that it the use of 12-lead will not impact patient care. He expressed concerns that it would delay transport from the field to the hospital. Mr. Turpin expressed a need for extensive training. **The motion failed on a show of hands vote of 4 in favor and 6 opposed. The request is denied.**

#### EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

*David W. Kaskie, EMT Certificate Number 47005, requesting an additional attempt at testing for certification as a Primary Instructor.*

Tony Pagano presented the request and stated that Mr. Kaskie had already tested the maximum 3 times.

Staff's recommendation is to deny the waiver.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed. The request is denied.**

#### **COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:**

##### 2007 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday, January 19, 2007

Friday, March 16, 2007

Friday, May 18, 2007

Friday, July 20, 2007

Thursday, September 13, 2007, Marriott East, Indianapolis

Friday, November 16, 2007

Locations will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Miller stated that the 2007 EMS Week will be May 20 through May 26, and the theme will be "EMS Ordinary People; Extraordinary Service."

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.